

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. If you go ahead with your plan to air the anti-Kerry film you should also air before the election *Going Up River* or *Fahrenheit 911* to show both sides which is what we should expect from our media in a democracy.

Unfortunately our media has become more of a propaganda mechanism than a proponent of unbiased information which cuts to the heart of the democratic process. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them in order to insure the proper functioning of a democratic society. Thank you.